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Applicant : Arne H. Deggerdal et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated July 16, 2003, be extended for three months to and including January 16, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$950 for the required fee. Apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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